

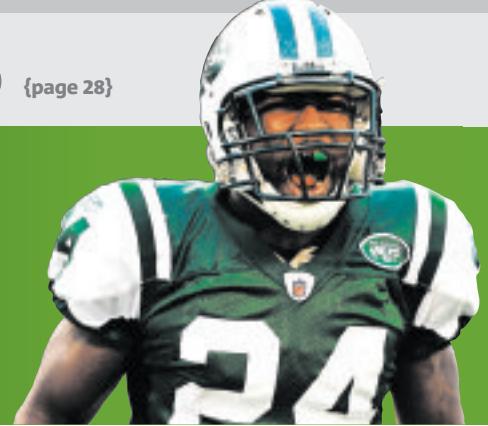
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In the news

Man admits to LES killing

Former fashion publicist Raul Barrera pleaded guilty yesterday afternoon to killing his girlfriend, Sarah Coit. He admitted he violently stabbed Coit during a fight in their Lower East Side apartment after he tried to leave her. Coit was found dead last year, after having been nearly beheaded after suffering multiple stabblings with multiple knives. Barrera faces 15 years to life in prison for the crime.

METRO/AB

In the news



Barclays Center

Only four days until the Barclays Center opens in downtown Brooklyn! Here's a hot tip for shoppers: The Nets Shop by Adidas is already open, and accessible through a street-level entrance just off Flatbush Avenue. Pick up all your black-and-white Nets gear in time for Friday's big opening night. METRO/CB



► Get rid of the junk!

Bloomberg brings health push to NYC hospitals

NEW YORK. Mayor Michael Bloomberg's next healthy idea will be in hospitals. The Health Department is getting hospitals to get rid of junk food, according to the Daily News. Hospitals told the newspaper they volunteered to get rid of soda and candy machines and serve healthy options instead. Critics have pushed back against his efforts to make the city healthier, saying that things like banning sodas larger than 16 ounces means getting too involved in New Yorkers' lives. METRO/AB

Bus driver stabbed with needle in BK

BROOKLYN. The New York City Police Department is looking for the man who they say attacked an MTA bus driver yesterday just before 11 a.m. The 30-year-old bus driver was stabbed in the right shoulder with a hypodermic syringe by a passenger on the bus at Prospect Park South and Greenwood Avenue. Police are looking for the passenger, described as a white male between 45 and 50 years old. METRO/CB

Morning-after pills doled out at schools

Hundreds of New York City high school students have received morning-after pills since the launch of a program that provides emergency contraception through public school nurses, the city's health department said yesterday.

Many schools around the nation have long made condoms available to students, but New York health officials said they believe the city is the first to make hormonal contraceptives available.

The program, launched in 13 high schools last year, gives

students access to emergency contraceptive pills, designed to prevent pregnancy following unprotected sex or a contraceptive failure if taken within 72 hours, as well as condoms, birth-control pills and pregnancy testing.

The program is designed to

battle the problem of unplanned pregnancies among teens. Parents were informed of the program from the start and given the choice of opting out of any or all of the services, but only between 1 and 2 percent of parents sent back an opt-out form. REUTERS

Who's watching our city's parks?

► Number of city-paid Parks Enforcement Patrol officers rapidly dwindling
► Guards in signature green can't carry guns, but serve as warning to thugs

At a time when four women have been raped in the past month in popular New York City parks, some are calling attention to the dramatically depleted ranks of Parks Enforcement Patrol.

In the 1990s, the city kept on staff 450 Parks Enforcement Patrol officers, according to Joseph Puleo, the vice president of DC 37 Local 983, the union that represents Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officers.

By 2002, that number had been slashed to just 156. And today, there are only 91 city-funded officers who are available to patrol any and all parks.

There are however, an additional 92 privately-funded PEP officers who have fixed assignments, but they are only for specific parks, such as The High Line and Hudson River Park, according to a Parks Department spokeswoman.

"This is an unacceptable



► PEP officers patrol at 59th Street and Fifth Avenue yesterday.

number when you look at the amount of land our parks take up," East Harlem Councilwoman Melissa Mark-Viverito said.

Upper West Side Councilwoman Gale Brewer said there is a clear need for more officers on the ground.

PEP officers do not carry guns, but they do serve as a visible deterrent against crime. "People see a uniform around, they think twice," Brewer told Metro.

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Not all parks created equal

Privately staffed parks can have an officer per acre, while elsewhere, entire boroughs have just one officer for all parks in that borough, according to Puleo. There are also grant and privately funded officers who are assigned to specific parks. For example, Battery Park City spans 30 acres. There are 30 privately funded officers assigned to that one park alone — one officer per acre. By comparison, there was one PEP officer manning all of the parks in Queens this summer, Puleo said.

METRO/DT

Back to 1980s crime rates?

Parks patrols has regularly seen a 5-percent budget cut for the past several years, said Puleo.

He also pointed to a spate of playground shootings this summer, including one in the Bronx where a 4-year-old boy was killed, as evidence of a direct connection between the lowering of PEP numbers and crime skyrocketing in parks. "The way it's

heading now, we'll be back to 1980s epidemic [crime] rates," he said.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg was asked by reporters about the park crime spike yesterday morning, but he asserted that crime rates are down overall.

"Some crimes are up a small amount," he conceded. "We've had a couple of rapes that got a lot of publicity ... We're doing everything we can, but we just can't have a cop in every single place." METRO/DT

Four rapes in

September alone

- On Monday, Sept. 3 at 2:15 a.m., a 19-year-old woman was raped behind a playground in Riverside Park.
- At 2 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, a 56-year-old woman was raped and thrown from the second story of Pier 15 on the East River Waterfront.
- On Wednesday, Sept. 12, a 73-year-old woman was raped in the middle of the day in Strawberry Fields in

Central Park. On Saturday, Sept. 22, around 5 a.m., a 21-year-old woman was raped in Hudson River Park. After the attack, she sought help from two PEP officers nearby, but those were the only two PEP officers covering the entire 150-acre park, according to Puleo. Security for Hudson River Park is privately funded, he said. "If she was in any other park, no one would have been there," he said, adding that city-funded PEP officers don't patrol at 5 a.m. METRO/DT

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Cultural groups denounce ads that call jihad 'savage'

A coalition of organizations is speaking out against new ads posted in subway stations yesterday that refer to jihad as "savage" and call for support of Israel.

The Interfaith Center of New York, joined by other groups including the Cordoba Initiative and Jews Against Islamophobia, are denouncing the ads, calling them "dangerous" and "hate speech."

The posters, paid for by political advocacy group American Freedom Initiative, read, "In any war between the civilized man and the savage, support the civilized man. Support Israel. Defeat Jihad."

"It is hate speech aimed at a specific group, but also dangerous because it uses strong language like the word 'savage,'" Annie Rawlings of the Interfaith Center of New York told Metro.



► These ads are posted now in subway stations.

"There are always people who are easily inflamed, and I think it's not only troublesome speech, it's dangerous speech."

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who are easily inflamed, and I think it's not only troublesome speech, it's dangerous speech."

Pamela Geller, executive director of the American Freedom Defense Initiative, told Metro last week that the ads are not directed at all Muslims.

"It refers to those who rejoice in the murders of innocent civilians. The war on Israel is a war on innocent civilians," Geller said.

But Rawlings fired back that the word "jihad" has taken on a negative connotation associated with the entire Muslim community. "The problem with hate speech is that it's unnuanced," Rawlings said. "I think the ad is one that makes a direct connection in peoples' minds because people associate the word 'jihad' with Muslims."

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NYPD gets \$1M grant in name of finding those wrongly jailed

► Police department promises to update its evidence system, assign bar codes ► Former convict says he waited years for evidence in his case

Investigators will review hundreds of cases of people who say they are innocent and are languishing in city jails.

The NYPD reported yesterday that the Innocence Project, a nonprofit that pursues exonerating wrongfully convicted people, received a \$1.25 million National Institute of Justice grant to collect evidence for those seeking their innocence.

Some of the funds will pay the salary of a new Innocence Project staffer to review about 800 cases of New York City con-

A long wait for justice

Alan Newton was convicted in a rape and robbery case in 1985. A 25-year-old woman had been grabbed, robbed and raped after

leaving a Bronx convenience store at around 4 a.m. the year earlier. The perpetrator cut her face with a razor, blinding her left eye so she could not see him.

Newton was exonerated after 21 years in jail, which included waiting 12 years before the evi-

ctics, many of who are waiting on reviews of their evidence, which can sometimes take years to find.

As part of the grant, NYPD

officers will search through their evidence storage collection facility to find sexual assault and homicide cases, assigning each piece of evidence

dence was found after an "exhaustive search," according to the Innocence Project. In an interview for the Innocence Project, he recalled how investigators at first produced the victim's clothing, but not the rape kit. "One of the things [the

Innocence Project] explained to me was the evidence couldn't be [found] one, two, three times, so it may not be found again, so you know, don't get too optimistic because if it's not found again, we have to shut the case," he recalled.

welcomed the grant, saying the Innocence Project does "noble work to restore actually innocent persons to society."

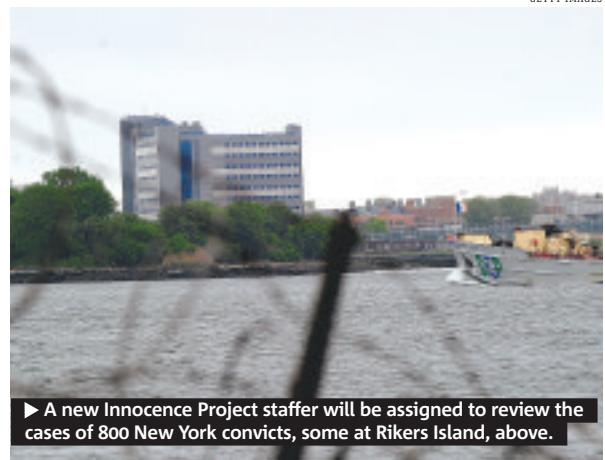
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tor Peter Neufeld said evidence is often not easily retrievable, leaving prisoners waiting years to find out their fate.

"Over the years, it's been very frustrating that evidence couldn't be located for testing," Neufeld said.

"With these new funds, we are confident that some people will finally receive the justice they've been waiting for," he said.

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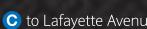
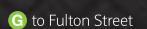
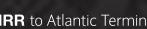


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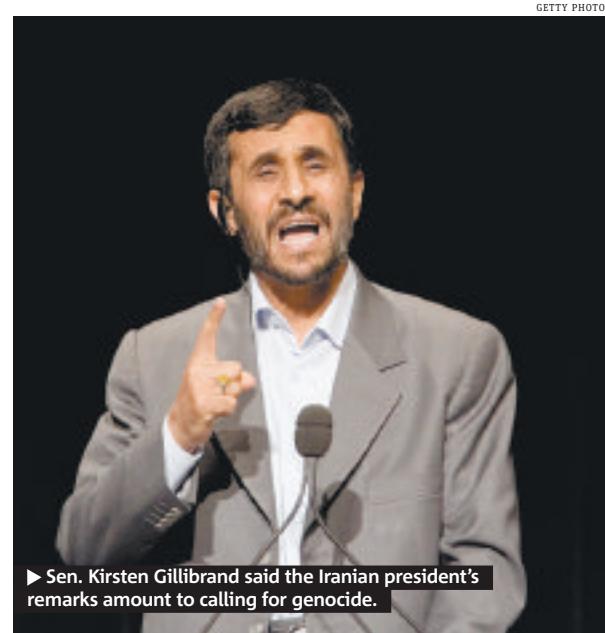
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In NY, defiant Ahmadinejad says Israel will be 'eliminated'



► Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand said the Iranian president's remarks amount to calling for genocide.

Incendiary Iranian president lashes out before U.N. speech tomorrow U.S. senator from New York calls his demands to destroy the state of Israel 'deplorable'

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad yesterday disregarded a U.N. warning to avoid incendiary rhetoric and declared ahead of the annual General Assembly session that Israel has no roots in the Middle East and would be "eliminated."

In remarks to reporters here in New York, he also said he does not take seriously the threat that Israel could launch a military strike against Iran's nuclear facilities.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has hinted Israel could strike Iran's nuclear sites and has criticized U.S. President Barack Obama's posi-

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"We have all the defensive means at our disposal and we are ready to defend ourselves."

AHMADINEJAD

tion that sanctions and diplomacy should be given more time to stop Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons.

Iran denies that it is seeking nuclear arms and says its atomic work is peaceful, aimed at generating electricity.

"Fundamentally we do not take seriously the threats of the Zionists. ... We have all the defensive means at our disposal and we are ready to defend ourselves," Ahmadinejad said yesterday.

Ahmadinejad is in New York to attend the U.N. General Assembly.

His speech is scheduled for tomorrow.

Obama will underscore his commitment to preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon and address Muslim unrest related to an anti-Islamic video in his speech to General Assembly today, the White House said. **REUTERS**

A long history of inflammatory rhetoric at U.N.

In 2005, Ahmadinejad called Israel a "tumor" and echoed the words of the former Iranian Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, by saying that Israel should be wiped off the map.

In the past, he has used his U.N. speeches to defend Iran's nuclear program and to attack Israel, the United States and Europe.

He has questioned the Holocaust and cast doubt on whether 19 hijackers were really responsible for the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Western envoys typically walk out of Ahmadinejad's speeches in protest. **REUTERS**

"[His rhetoric] must be recognized for what it is — incitement to genocide."

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The criminal charges are the first faced by anyone

over the incident. The video triggered widespread anger in Afghanistan early this year, with Afghan President Hamid Karzai calling the Marines' actions "inhuman." Staff Sergeants Joseph W. Chamblin and Edward W. Deptola were also charged with "posing for unofficial photographs with human casualties," the Marine Corps said. **REUTERS**

US tells UN: Free speech protects religious dignity

The United States told a UN human rights body yesterday it considered freedom of religion inseparable from free expression, countering calls from many Islamic countries for a treaty outlawing blasphemy.

After two weeks of protests around the Muslim world, Ambassador Eileen Chamberlain Donahoe told the UN Human Rights Council that religious dignity is best protected where there is free speech.

Donahoe said that when the two freedoms were allowed to flourish, "we see religious harmony, economic prosperity, societal innovation and progress, and citizens who feel their dignity is respected." **REUTERS**



► Ambassador Eileen Chamberlain Donahoe

"When these freedoms are restricted, we see violence, poverty, stagnation and feelings of frustration and even humiliation." **"The inseparable freedoms of expression and religion are important not for abstract reasons."**

In the news**Alabama professor gets life for killing co-workers**

A former Alabama biology professor who pleaded guilty to killing three colleagues and wounding three others in a 2010 shooting rampage was sentenced to life in prison without parole yesterday after a jury convicted her of the crimes in a shortened trial.

Amy Bishop, 47, avoided a death sentence by admitting earlier this month to gunning down her colleagues during a biology department staff meeting at the University of Alabama at Huntsville.

Alabama law requires a jury to decide the punishment and confirm a guilty plea for a capital murder charge. **REUTERS**

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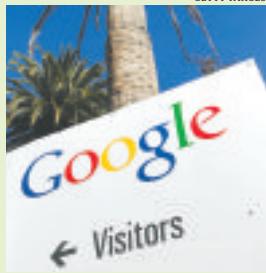


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Google shares hit all-time high

SAN FRANCISCO. Google Inc. shares set an all-time high yesterday, with the Web giant's reliable advertising business back in vogue among Wall Street investors disenchanted with younger social media companies.

The stock reached \$748.90 in afternoon trading, inching past a previous record set in November 2007 of \$747.24. It traded below \$300 in 2009.

during the global economic crisis and remained under pressure in the ensuing years as investors worried that Google's best years were behind it. **REUTERS**

Actress to sue Islam filmmaker in federal court

LOS ANGELES. An actress suing the producer of an anti-Islam movie that has spawned violent protests across the Muslim world

plans to drop her suit and file a new case in federal court over copyright claims, her lawyer said yesterday.

Cindy Lee Garcia, who appeared in "Innocence of Muslims," filed a lawsuit last week in a state court in Los Angeles against Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, the man thought to be behind the movie, claiming she was duped into playing a role and her life has been put at risk as a result. **REUTERS**



Apple sells out of iPhone, sparking supply concern

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Apple Inc. sold more than 5 million iPhone 5 smartphones in the three days since it hit stores, but shares sagged as the company struggled to meet demand.

While sales were solid, the company said yesterday it had run out of its initial supply and many pre-orders were scheduled to go out in October.

Apple Chief Executive Tim Cook said the company is "working hard to build enough iPhone 5s for everyone."

Expectations for new Apple

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Supply limitations are likely to weigh on Apple as the iPhone 5 is launched in another 22 countries on Friday.

products were so high — some analysts forecast Apple selling as many as 10 million phones over the weekend — that Wall Street was not wowed by the latest numbers. The stock was down 1.7 percent at \$688.64 in afternoon trade.

Given the demand, Apple, the world's most valuable company, is being closely watched for any supplier problems that may slow down the smartphone production.

"We believe that sales could have potentially been much higher if not for supply constraints," William Power, an analyst with Baird Equity Research, wrote in a note.

To complicate matters, Apple's largest contract manufacturer Foxconn Technology closed a factory in the northern Chinese city of Taiyuan after a riot broke out among 2,000 employees. **REUTERS**



► The early total for the iPhone 5 topped sales of the iPhone 4S, which sold more than 4 million units in its first weekend after Apple introduced it in October 2011.

Riot at Apple factory in China

About 2,000 Chinese employees of an iPhone assembly company fought a pitched battle into the early hours of Monday, forcing the huge electronics plant where they

work to be shut down.

Authorities in the northern city of Taiyuan sent 5,000 police to restore order after what the plant's Taiwanese owners Foxconn Technology Group said was a personal dispute in a dormitory that erupted into a mass brawl. **REUTERS**

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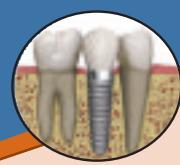
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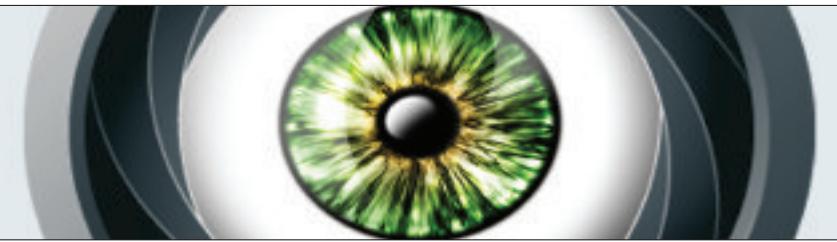
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**News in brief****Feds to fund another solar co.**

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SoloPower has initiated a strategy to differentiate it from struggling commodity players in the solar panel industry. Still, there are several similarities between SoloPower and Solyndra — which became a lightning rod in the U.S. presidential campaign this year after taking in more than \$500 million in government loans and then filing for bankruptcy. **REUTERS**

10M Hispanics could be prevented from voting

New voting laws in 23 of the 50 states could keep more than 10 million Hispanic U.S. citizens from registering and voting, a new study said on Sunday, a number so large it could affect

the outcome of the Nov. 6 election.

The Latino community accounts for more than 10 percent of eligible voters nationally. But the share in some states is high enough that keeping Hispanic voters away from the polls could shift some hard-fought states from support for Democratic President Barack Obama and help his Republican rival, Mitt Romney.

The new laws include purges of people suspected of not being citizens in 16 states that unfairly target Latinos, the civil rights group Advancement Project said in the study to be formally released on Monday. **REUTERS**

Gingrich backing for Todd Akin

Former Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich broke with national party leaders and endorsed Missouri Senate candidate Todd Akin, saying other Republicans must "in good conscience" do the same. Appearing at an Akin campaign event yesterday in Kirkwood, a St. Louis suburb, Gingrich said Republicans across the country should consider that a victory by Akin "is a key to winning control of the Senate." Akin, a Republican U.S. congressman, is trying to unseat Democratic Senator Claire McCaskill.

Republicans, including presidential nominee Mitt Romney, called on Akin to leave the race after he said in an Aug. 19 television interview that "legitimate rape" rarely results in pregnancy. **BLOOMBERG**

For Romney, troubling signs among older voters



JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

► U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., greets people during a campaign stop. Ryan's proposed plans for Medicare have many seniors worried about their entitlements.

Even before his running mate was booed by a lobbying group for older Americans on Friday, Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney was losing support among such voters, whose backing is crucial to his hopes of winning the Nov. 6 election.

New polling by Reuters/Ipsos indicates that during the past two weeks — since just after the Democratic National Convention — support for Romney among Americans age 60 and older has crumbled, from a 20-point lead over Democratic President Barack Obama to less than 4 points.

Romney's double-digit advantages among older voters on the issues of health care and Medicare — the nation's health insurance program for those over 65 and the disabled — also have evaporated, and Obama has begun to build an advantage in both areas.

Voting preferences among seniors could change in the final six weeks of the campaign, but the polling suggests that a series of recent episodes favoring Obama and the Democrats could be chipping away at Romney's support among older Americans.

Romney's selection of Wisconsin congressman Paul Ryan as his vice presidential running mate put the federal budget and Medicare at center

4 Romney has a four-point lead over Obama with older voters. The Republican presidential candidate formerly had a 20-point lead over his rival.

41 Romney has 41 days before the Nov. 6 election to woo back older voters after alienating many over the course of the entitlement debate.

Quoted

"If Romney loses seniors, he loses this election, period. A bad showing nationally does not bode well for Florida and other states with big senior populations."

JONATHAN OBERLANDER, HEALTH POLICY SPECIALIST WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

stage in the campaign. But the debate over spending and entitlement programs that Romney seemed to be seeking has not unfolded the way Republicans wanted.

At the Democratic convention in Charlotte, N.C., on Sept. 5, former President Bill Clinton gave a folksy but blistering critique of Ryan's plan to revamp Medicare, warning that it could leave seniors unprotected from escalating healthcare costs.

Meanwhile, Democrats' efforts to portray Romney as a wealthy former private equity executive with little sympathy for the less fortunate got a boost last week from Romney himself.

On a secretly recorded video released by the liberal magazine Mother Jones, Romney was shown telling supporters at an expensive fundraiser that 47 percent of Americans would never vote for him because they do not pay federal income taxes, feel they are "victims," and depend on government benefits.

Democrats accused Romney of dismissing a range of Americans.

Romney's campaign rejected that, but the recent polls suggest that such claims may be resonating with older Americans, who for months had been the only age group to consistently support Romney over Obama. **REUTERS**

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Mitt Romney's 2011 tax returns, released last Friday, have revealed investments in a Chinese oil company and bank, as well as investments that profit from the decline of the U.S. dollar, along with the typical tax avoidance mechanisms in the Cayman Islands and Switzerland.

I don't have a problem with these investments. Mitt Romney has been a private citizen since 2006, and until he holds public office, he should be able to invest his money however he pleases. Nor do I think it's un-American of Romney to bet on the decline of the dollar — that can be an effective way to hedge against losses on investments that do rely on a strong dollar.

The problem is that, rather than take responsibility for those investments and explain why he made them, Romney has chosen to lie and pretend that he had nothing to do with them.

Romney insists that all of his investments are made by a "blind trust." Romney appoints a trustee and gives him total control over all investment decisions. Romney isn't allowed to influence those

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The problem is that, rather than take responsibility for those investments and explain why he made them, Romney has chosen to lie and pretend he had nothing to do with them.

decisions, and can't even know what the trustee invests in. This is supposed to eliminate conflicts of interest, and it allows Romney to say he had nothing to do with those investments in China and those bets against the dollar — it was in a blind trust, for goodness' sake!

But Romney's trust is far from blind. Instead of appointing a truly independent trustee, Romney appointed his own family attorney. This arrangement falls outside the Office of Government Ethics' definition of a blind trust, and for good reason — Romney could simply tell his own attorney how to invest, knowing that those instructions were protected by attorney-client privilege. It should come as no surprise that Romney's blind trust invested \$10 million in his son Tagg's private equity startup — surely Romney had no influence over that investment decision! Romney himself had sneered at the idea of a blind trust when campaigning against Ted Kennedy, calling it "an age-old ruse" and adding that "you can always tell the blind trust what it can and cannot do."

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Leadership shakeups hit the Ivy League

► Princeton, Yale, Dartmouth and Brown in transition as mounting student-loan debt and technology create changes across the board

Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman's retirement next June, along with departures of the heads at Yale University and Dartmouth College, mark a generational shift in leadership in the Ivy League.

The presidents are leaving in an era when applications across the eight private colleges are at their highest and admission rates are the most selective ever. They dealt with losses in their endowment values in 2009 following the global financial crisis, a congressional inquiry over endowment spending and increased pressure on fundraising.

Now the successors at Princeton, Yale and Dartmouth,

These are always difficult jobs, but especially now when state and federal support for higher education is in jeopardy.

FORMER TUFTS UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT LAWRENCE BACOW

By the numbers

► Princeton's endowment of \$17.1 billion and Yale's fund at \$19.4 billion, valued as of June 2011, are among the largest in higher education. Harvard,

as well as Brown's newly installed president Christina Hull Paxson, face new challenges over the cost of private colleges, surging student-loan debt and technological innovation that is changing the landscape for higher education.

"It's a big moment," said John Isaacson, an executive recruiter who has led searches for

with a \$32 billion endowment, is the world's richest college. The schools offer generous financial aid and have price tags approaching \$60,000 annually, including tuition and fees, room and board plus other expenses.

presidents at universities, including the current one at Dartmouth. "There is more opportunity to lead the world in eminent scholarship. These are the institutions that donors will turn to to solve the world's large problems."

The leaders who will fill the Ivy vacancies are likely to focus on issues related to technology, business models, cost containment and globalization, said Richard Chait, emeritus professor of education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

"In every era, there are always going to be challenges and problems," Chait said. "You can think back to an era in the '60s when there was student



► Princeton President Shirley Tilghman will retire in June.

unrest and demands for greater participation, racial integration of school and demands for relevance in the curriculum. Every generation will have these issues." JANET LORIN/BLOOMBERG

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The building blocks for success: An MBA profile

► Before starting his own business, entrepreneur Nunzio Quacquarelli wanted to fully prepare himself

Having long possessed a passion for publishing and entrepreneurship, Nunzio Quacquarelli knew what he wanted to achieve when he enrolled in The Wharton School, the University of Pennsylvania's MBA program, in 1988.

"My application to business school set out my career objective — to start my own business," Quacquarelli explains. "I saw the MBA as a training ground to provide me with the

broad set of skills to become a successful entrepreneur. My rationale was that becoming an entrepreneur is high-risk. I wanted to equip myself with the best skill set and broadest knowledge base to maximize the chances of success."

Now, almost a quarter of a century since enrolling for his MBA, Quacquarelli is able to take considerable pride in having set up the world's leading network for careers and educa-

tion. The organization that he founded while at business school, QS Quacquarelli Symonds, helps people make the best career and study-related decisions available to them.

"I think I'm most proud of the fact that we help and support people in a life-changing way," says Quacquarelli. "Since 2003, we have run an education trust, which funds scholarships for postgraduate study. Over 60 people around the world have



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received QS-sponsored scholarships, an achievement that I find highly motivating and rewarding."

Looking back at his time before business school, Quacquarelli remembers how he successfully chose the right MBA program to fulfill his career aspirations.

"I asked a number of my managers for their input on reputable business schools. I also attended an MBA fair and met with a selection of business schools. From that, I short-listed the schools that I wanted to apply to."

Although challenging, Wharton ended up being a wise

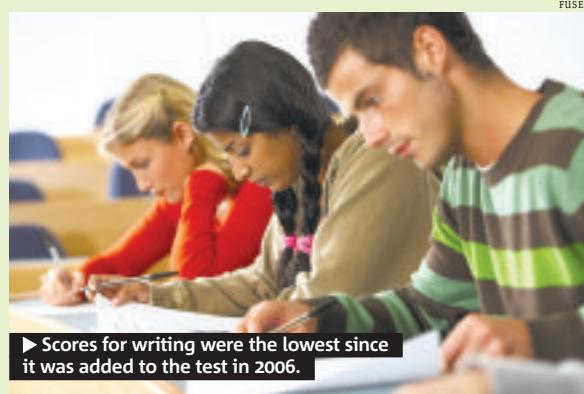
choice. "As you could only fail two or three classes during your whole tenure at Wharton, it was a pretty intense experience, but very worthwhile. It really made you think about innovation and product opportunities to quite a high level of detail on a very regular basis."

● RICHARD MACCAULEY

In the news

SAT reading, writing test scores drop to lowest levels

Average reading and writing SAT scores for high school students declined to their lowest levels while math results stalled in the exam used for admission at most



► Scores for writing were the lowest since it was added to the test in 2006.

U.S. colleges.

For the class of 2012, the average critical reading score fell one point to 496 from a year earlier, the lowest since data became available in 1972, according to a report released yesterday by the College Board, which administers the test. The average score for writing dropped one point to 488, the lowest since writing was added to the exam in 2006. Math results were unchanged at 514. Scores can range from 200 to 800.

As states tout results on their

496

The average SAT critical reading score in 2012, which fell a point from a year earlier — the lowest since data became available in 1972

own reading and math exams, SAT results have stagnated, undercutting claims of improvement in K-12 education under No Child Left Behind, the

country's main public schools law.

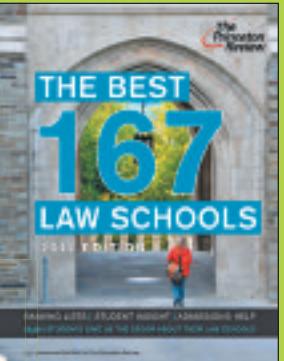
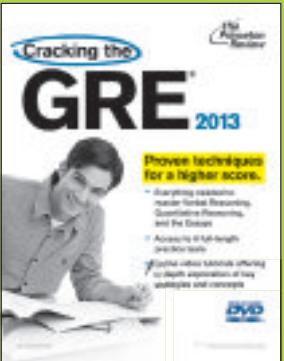
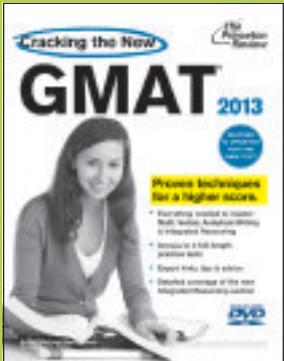
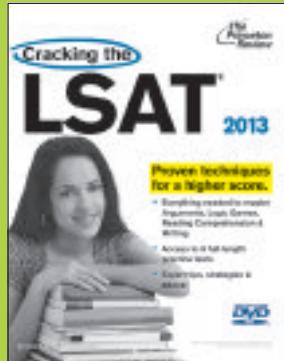
"NCLB and state high-stakes testing programs have dramatically undercut college readiness," said Bob Schaeffer, a spokesman for FairTest, a Boston-based nonprofit group critical of standardized testing. "Test-driven K-12 school policies have been a colossal failure."

The drop in scores reflects the fact that more lower-income students with less access to high-quality education are taking the test, the College Board said in a briefing. JANET LORIN/BLOOMBERG

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How does John Mayer do it?

John Mayer's little black book reads like a who's who of GQ magazine covers: There's **Jennifer Love Hewitt, Jessica Simpson, Jennifer Aniston, Minka Kelly, Taylor Swift** and, most recently, new divorcee **Katy Perry**.

But Perry's friends are worried about the singer due to Mayer's lady-killer reputation, according to Radar Online. Sources say her pals are urging her to end it with Mayer before she gets too attached. "Katy's friends and family haven't taken to John at all. In fact, they are worried that she is headed for heartbreak," a source says. "Despite the fiery image Katy likes to present, she's actually more fragile than that, and when John dumped her a few weeks after they first got together she was devastated. Now she ... has let her guard down, and there's only one way this can end — in disaster."

Disaster — or an eventual song about Mayer and his heartbreaking ways. Or, depending on how you feel about Katy Perry's singing, it could be both.



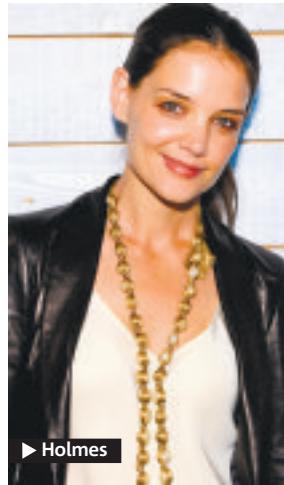
► This face gets tons (tons!) of Hollywood tail. The latest? A rebound by none other than Katy Perry.

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Talking points

Holmes is moving on (via telephone)

So what's one of the first things **Katie Holmes** did after splitting with husband **Tom Cruise**? Reconnect with old friends. Former "Dawson's Creek" co-star **Joshua Jackson** confirms that he recently heard from Holmes, he says in an interview on Canada's "George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight." Jackson, who was rumored to be linked romantically to Holmes years ago, says they had a "very nice" chat. "Like any



► Holmes

old friend, it was like, 'Oh hi, how are you? What's going on?' I had a kid," he says. "It was very nice, actually."

Armstrong heads to rehab

Green Day frontman **Billie Joe Armstrong** stunned a Las Vegas audience over the weekend with a guitar-smashing outburst after being told to wrap up his band's set. Instead, he flew into a rage, smashed his guitar, yelled at the audience and stormed off the stage. Now, it turns out it wasn't just a simple tantrum, as Armstrong is headed to rehab. "Armstrong is seeking treatment for substance abuse," the band's

Kanye West proves his stamina

It looks like there could be some truth to the rumors of a **Kanye West** sex tape — or two tapes, even — now that lawyers for the rapper have sent out a cease-and-desist letter to multiple media outlets demanding they take down posts featuring a screen shot allegedly taken from the video, according to AllHipHop.com. "Be advised that the screen shot, as well as the tape from which the screen shot was taken, were illegally obtained," West's attorney



► Kim and Kanye

writes in the letter. "Both tapes are impressively long," sources tell the website. "The second is more than 40 [minutes]."

Forty minutes! What stamina! But here's my question: Do you think West made these sex tapes so he would have something in common with his new girlfriend, **Kim Kardashian**? Ah, the things we do for love.

Body. double



► Our favorite Gaga gingerbread

Lady Gaga has figured out the best way to make sure the media won't discuss her weight: Wear a body-hiding outfit. Here is the star leaving the Park Hyatt Paris hotel on Saturday looking like something out of "Willy Wonka."



► Armstrong breaks down.

rep said in a statement Sunday. "Green Day would like everyone to know that their set was not cut short by Clear Channel and to apologize to those they offended."

Cooper and Saldana: Cuddle alert

Bradley Cooper and **Zoe Saldana** are fueling suspicion once again that they're more than just friends. The pair looked quite cozy after taking in a movie together in Los Angeles over the weekend, according to People magazine. Cooper and Saldana first sparked romance rumors while filming the recent movie "The Words."



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

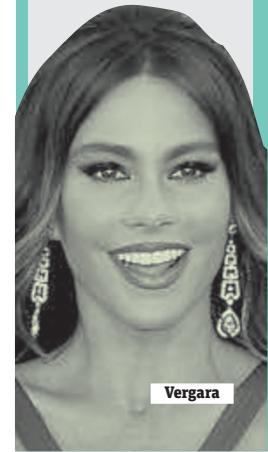
Today, **Joel McHale** has had enough of the heatwave, **Sofia Vergara** knows how to get down, **Kelly Osbourne** has a pretty hectic work schedule and **Albert Brooks** is bragging.

@joelmchale
Dear Sun, We get it. You're awesome and powerful. Please stop. Love, Los Angeles.

@SofiaVergara
I party like a mermaid!

@MissKellyO
Although I'm working 14 hour days while I am here I bloody love being home!

@AlbertBrooks
I just thought of the world's funniest tweet.



Vergara



Our favorite celebrity Emmy couples

1. They aren't a couple in the romantic sense, but you can't blame us for wishing for it were true: **Louis C.K.** and **Amy Poehler** presented the award together for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series at Sunday night's Emmys.

2. **Bart Freundlich** and wife, Emmy winner **Julianne Moore**, partied at HBO's famed annual Emmy Awards after-party.

3. **Judd Apatow** and wife **Leslie Mann** also popped up at the HBO party.

4. **Ashlee Simpson** and new beau **Vincent Piazza** also attended HBO's party.

5. Wherever **Christina Hendricks** goes, her giant, exposed cha-chas are sure to follow. Here is the happy couple at the Emmy Awards Governors Ball.

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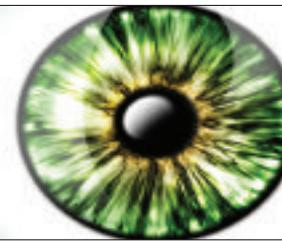
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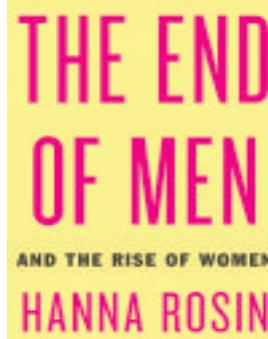
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QIn her provocative new book, 'The End of Men,' journalist Hanna Rosin assesses the rise of women and the decline of men post-recession



In the news

'The Casual Vacancy' out this week

J.K. Rowling's hotly anticipated adults-only novel,

"The Casual Vacancy," hits shelves Thursday.

Although the content of "The Casual Vacancy" has been under strict embargo, New Yorker writer Ian Parker was able to read the book for an interview with the media-shy Rowling.

About "The Casual Vacancy," he writes:

"Within a few pages, it was clear that the novel had

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NEW YORKER WRITER IAN PARKER REVIEWING "THE CASUAL VACANCY" BY AUTHOR J.K. ROWLING

not been written for children. 'The Casual Vacancy,' after all, is a tale of class warfare set amid semi-rural poverty, heroin addiction, and teenage perplexity and sexuality. ... But reviewers looking for echoes of the 'Harry Potter' series will find them."

You can read more of Parker's interview in this week's New Yorker.

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► Caspian make a case for post-post-rock with 'Waking Season'

► Band talks evolution and fans' expectations



► Caspian play Saturday at Best Buy Theater with Minus the Bear and Cursive.

How do you describe a band whose music outgrows their prescribed genre? For the Massachusetts-based post-rock quintet Caspian, the release of their third full-length album may make the need for a new descriptor necessary.

"When I think of post-rock, I immediately think of 2003 to 2005," says Calvin Joss, a guitarist and founding member of Caspian. "I think of long, drawn-out, guitar-oriented songs that are thematic and big: bands like Mono, God Speed You! Black Emperor and Explosions in the Sky."

Caspian certainly began as a post-rock band, but over time their sound has evolved. Their latest album, "Waking Season," which drops today, features a number of elements not typically associated with the genre. One song, "Gone in Bloom and Bough," even includes vocals (a first for the band); others incorporate samples and electronic sounds.

"We never felt a duty to be post-rock," says Phil Jamieson, who also plays guitar. "We just

Further up

Caspian formed in 2003 out of the remnants of a few other bands on Massachusetts' North Shore. They played their first shows to friends and fans in sports bars in Beverly, about 25 miles north of Boston, where most of the group's original members, including Jamieson

and Joss, were living.

The band recorded a demo in a friend's house in 2004 and had their first break opening for Japanese post-rockers Mono later that year. They released their debut EP, "You Are the Conductor" in 2005 and immediately hit the road, touring nearly nonstop and returning home only to write and record.

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Living in a romantic comedy

► 'The Mindy Project' creator and star Mindy Kaling says she has been preparing for this love-driven sitcom her entire life

Mindy Kaling proved herself a likable dreamer with her best-selling collection of memoir-like humor essays, "Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)," along with her role as the ditzy romantic Kelly on "The Office." She brings her unapologetic take on the modern young woman to Fox as creator and star of "The Mindy Project," following a dedicated OB-GYN (Kaling) who is way more successful in the operating room than the bedroom. We sat down with Kaling and focused on the positives — like getting her own show.

Why the "great at her job, terrible at love" device isn't cliché ...
"The thing that I learned from 'The Office' is [storytelling is about] execution. I want to see two people fall in love; I want to see two people learn how to be better people. It's old-fashioned, but I feel like that's the kind of stories that people want to see, and they want it so badly, they'll even see it when it's terrible," Kaling says.

"How to balance work and personal life, that's the single biggest issue that my friends talk about," she adds. "Some-

True story

► "You know that saying: 'Write what you know,'" Kaling says. "Every level of that is [exemplified] in the pilot: What is it like to love romance? What's it like to be a professional after being a nerd growing up? I've been working on [this sitcom] since I was a kid because it's my life in so many ways."

body might think it's cliché; then my life is a cliché."

... and neither is setting up a potential love interest right from the start.

Chris Messina plays Mindy's coworker and complete opposite — but it's not hard to see where sparks might one day fly between the two.

"I wanted to [set up] people who are different from each other," Kaling says. "[Chris' character] doesn't believe in marriage; he's kind of cynical — it's fun to do that kind of storytelling. Plus, I love looking at him. Maybe that's sexist."

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Mindy Kaling stars in "The Mindy Project," premiering tonight at 9:30 on Fox.

TV watch list

'Ben and Kate'

COMEDY. A single mom (Dakota Johnson) who's unlucky in love and her aimless brother (Nat Faxon), who gets by on his charm, raise the former's 5-year-old, with the help of the requisite goofy sitcom sidekicks

rounding out the unconventional parenting party. **Series premiere**, 8:30 p.m., Fox

'Vegas'

DRAMA. Dennis Quaid is all business as grizzled rancher-turned-sheriff Ralph Lamb — based on a real guy — who plans to bring law and order back to the desert once the mafia moves into 1960s Las Vegas. Michael Chiklis stars as his mobster nemesis. **Series**

premiere, 10 p.m., CBS

'Brickleberry'

COMEDY. Daniel Tosh's unfiltered humor is translated into this animated series (the comedian serves as executive producer), which follows fumbling rangers attempting to bring tourism to Brickleberry National Park. How the jokes about AIDS and the Ku Klux Klan will help is anyone's guess. **Series premiere**,

10:30 p.m., Comedy Central

'Go On'

COMEDY. The NHL lockout be damned, hockey is back on TV — well, sort of. Former star Jeremy Roenick asks Ryan (Matthew Perry) to lace up his skates and join him on the ice. Sure, it may be a pity invite on the pro's part, but for hockey-starved viewers, we'll take it. **9 p.m., NBC**

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Milan Fashion Week

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Have you ever been to Taormina in Sicily? No? Well, let Dolce & Gabbana take you there with their fun and colorful Spring collection. The duo took the audience from the Sicilian street theaters — dresses with wheelbarrows and Caltagirone ceramic — to sun-drenched beaches with umbrella stripes. Looks came in organza, printed cotton and gold brocade. Sicilian basket-esque raffia skirts and bustiers closed the show.

Jil Sander

After stepping away from her namesake brand for eight years, the German designer presented a show true to her aesthetic. Sander set out to create new proportions and fresh silhouettes in the spirit of constructivism. She played with proportions as dresses and blouses came fitted at the back and stood away from the body in the front, while the curved backs on coats provided a sharp contrast to the fit at the front.

Giorgio Armani

The opening silk pearl-gray looks, all shown with trousers (wide and straight leg), arrived as a cloud's metaphorical silver lining. The dresses that followed — layered over transparent trousers, shown in a slightly varying aqua, pale blue and jade colored print — were luminous. White shorts styled with soft-fitted jackets were unexpected but brought a laid-back touch to this dressy collection. The items that stole the show, however, were the sparkly sequin palazzo pants.

Marni

Consuelo Castiglioni set out on the task of creating volume that appeared weightless to the eye. What followed was a collection that was full of pretty surprises and elegant drama that did not compromise wearability. The A-line silhouette was clean and sculptural, with the hemline ending at the knee. The folding and draping of the dresses, as well as the addition of peplums and pleats, created a sense of lightness. That said, it was the black wrap coat that had even the toughest editors sitting up in their seats — pure magic.

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Top tips to introduce your kids to healthy eating habits

Getting your children to eat the food you make them is difficult — making them be enthusiastic about healthy eating is even harder. Catherine McCord, author of the popular blog Weelicious.com and now the new cookbook "Weelicious: 140 Fast, Fresh, and Easy Recipes," feels your pain. The good news is there's a solution: McCord says that if you give your children a choice, make food fun and involve them in the process, they'll be eating well in no time.

1 Change the presentation, change their attitude

One of the biggest challenges any parent has to face is getting their children to not only eat healthy food, but to embrace a nutritious diet. The key is to make all food, whether it's a slice of chocolate cake or a salad, seem exciting



► Weelicious.com founder Catherine McCord

to your kids. "Parents should offer kids an array of different foods, with bright colors and interesting textures. I always say if it's on a stick, if it's in a pancake, if it's in a muffin — kids will eat it," claims McCord.

2 Involve them in the process

It's all about baby steps, whether they're helping you ice some cupcakes or helping

Quoted

"If your child doesn't eat something green today, hopefully they'll eat two green things tomorrow."

CATHERINE MCCORD

you stir soup for dinner. McCord pushes for children to get a little bit of independence in the kitchen. "Every meal involves my kids, even if it's just the smallest task of pulling the ends off beans. [The fact] they've helped you cook the meal — remind them of that."

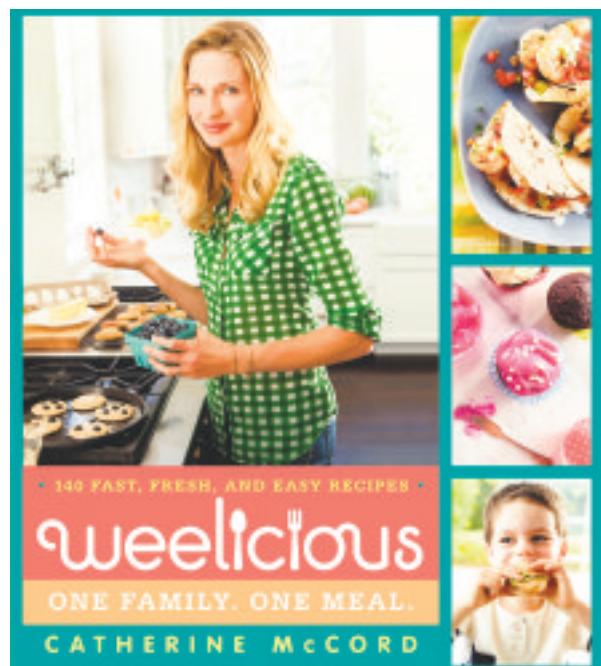
3 Kids can shop, too

If you give your children a task and ask them for help

while in the grocery store, shopping can remain civil. "Say: 'Let's pick out a fruit and vegetable. You get to pick anything you want. What are we going to make with it?' You've given them this big idea and now they're looking, they're asking questions — and it will keep them busy."

4 Give them choices (just not too many)

When it comes time to figure out dinner together, it's hard to find the right balance between letting your children run wild and being too tough. "I think it's more of an attitude," McCord notes. "If you say you have to eat a certain thing, I guarantee your child will say 'I will not.' Give them a choice: 'Do you want to grate the carrots or should we steam them?' You're never going to win by forcing your child to do something."



5 Give it time

Your child isn't going to suddenly wake up tomorrow and ask for a bowl of greens for breakfast. McCord suggests introducing them to healthy habits from day one, but don't stress if some things aren't an

overnight success. "There's always tomorrow. If your child doesn't eat something green today, hopefully they'll eat two green things tomorrow."

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price of \$3.99 per four-pack. **DOROTHY ROBINSON/METRO**



School-bus safety

Now that it's time to head back to the bus stop, keep in mind these pointers from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

► Try to get to the stop at least five minutes early. Stand three giant steps from the curb and stay there until the bus comes to a stop.
► Remind your children to always use the handrails when getting on and off the bus to avoid accidental injuries from



► Help your children be safe when traveling to and from school.

trips and falls.

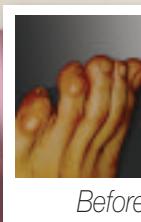
► If your children need to walk in front of the bus, tell them to take five big steps from the front of the bus before crossing and never walk behind it.
► Tell your children to let the driver know if they drop something near the bus. He or she may not see your little ones bend down to pick it up. **JESSIE WOHLGEMUTH**

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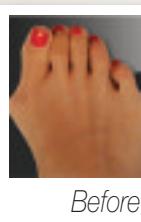
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There's (maybe) a time and a place — this isn't it

I find it appalling for the U.N. to have Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speak on Yom Kippur. This is the highest holy day in the Jewish religion. This man hates the Jewish people and vows the destruction of Israel. I am a believer in free speech — we even allow the KKK to publicly have their hateful say. But to allow this man his say on this day is beyond disgusting.

NATALIE KASDAY, VIA E-MAIL

Who's afraid of a little inflation?

RE: "CERTAIN IN LIFE: DEBT AND TAXES" (METRO, SEPT. 24) In his news column, Conn Carroll makes the statement: "Unfor-

tunately, the federal government can't afford all the promises it has made." I beg to differ. This federal government can afford any promise it makes. This sovereign nation can, like any sovereign nation, print as much money as it needs for all the convenient exchanges of goods and services the populace demands. Conn, that means all the entitlements too! All that we really need to fix the debt problem is to issue more money rather than borrow it. See the video, "The Secret of OZ," by Bill Still! Congress can become fiscally responsible once it regains the education and training on the real nature of money — it's just accounting! You and I have been conned into believing that debt and taxes are certain in life because we

have an unnatural concept of money. Believe it's opposite and watch your life change!

DAVID SNECKUS, VIA E-MAIL

The US's wealth's been redistributed — to the rich guys

RE: "SATURDAY'S CHILDREN ARE THE REAL VICTIMS IN TODAY'S SOCIETY" (METRO, SEPT. 24) I'm very much dismayed that someone who appears to be quite intelligent, like letter-writer Donna Cohen, would fall for the Republican rhetoric of the supposed Obama "wealth distribution" theory. President Obama and the rest of us so-called liberals do not want your tax bracket to pay any more taxes than you should. If 30 percent of my paycheck (which I suspect is a

lot smaller than yours) goes to taxes that build the roads you drive on and pays for the firemen, police, etc., that you depend on, then don't you think that in all fairness and patriotism you and Mitt Romney should be paying the same? We just want you to pay your fair share.

BARBARA MILUSKI, VIA E-MAIL

Donna Cohen whines about the percentage of overall taxes paid by the top 5 percent of wage earners without noting that those in the top 5 percent are paid 21.3 percent of American income and own an even larger percentage of its wealth, a percentage that continues to grow, while the share of income earned by the middle 60 percent of wage earners is declining (source: the Congressional Research Service). As Paul Krugman, a Nobel prize winner in Economics, put it, "To point out the obvious, the rich are paying more taxes because they're much richer than they used to be."

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Horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. A couple of friends of yours who aren't getting along with one another might use you as their intermediary. Don't take sides or pick a favorite.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. For the first time, your perseverance and fortitude will begin paying off regarding an endeavor that you've been working hard on. A friend will get it rolling with some nice comments.

♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. If you are feeling luckier than usual, it's probably predicated upon some solid justification. However, even if it's not, positive thinking will go a long way toward improving your chances.

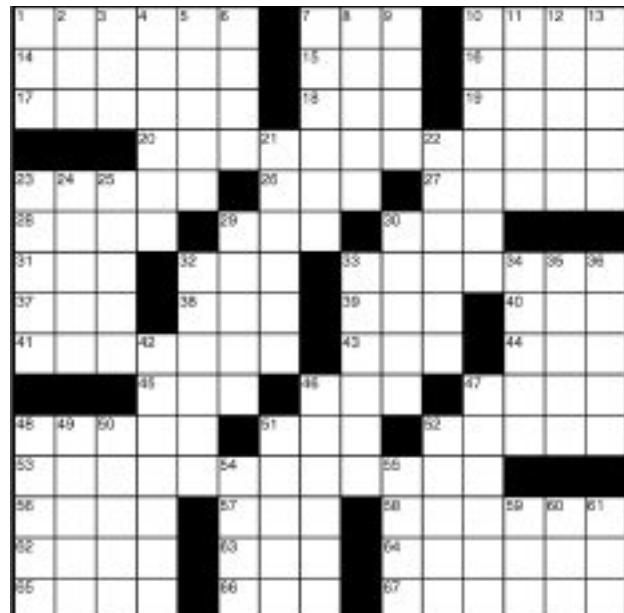
♋ Cancer June 21-July 22. A project that you've been dedicating yourself to for some time will take a big turn for the better owing to favorable external factors. Capitalize on these prevailing circumstances.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. You could be exceptionally lucky in partnership arrangements for both social and commercial purposes. This will be especially true when your ally is someone of the opposite gender.

♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Tried, true and traditional tactics are the ones that will bring you the kind of results you'll want in your financial affairs. Any departure from these proven procedures will be less effective. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

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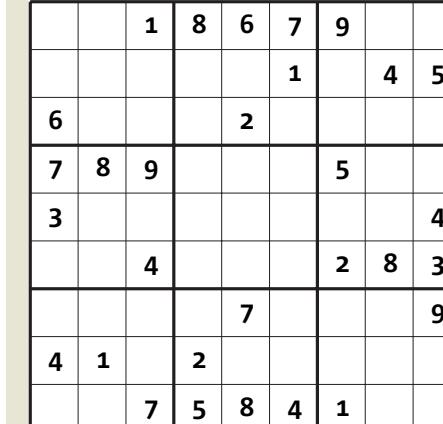


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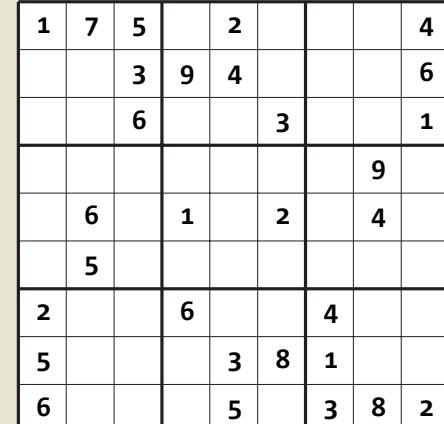
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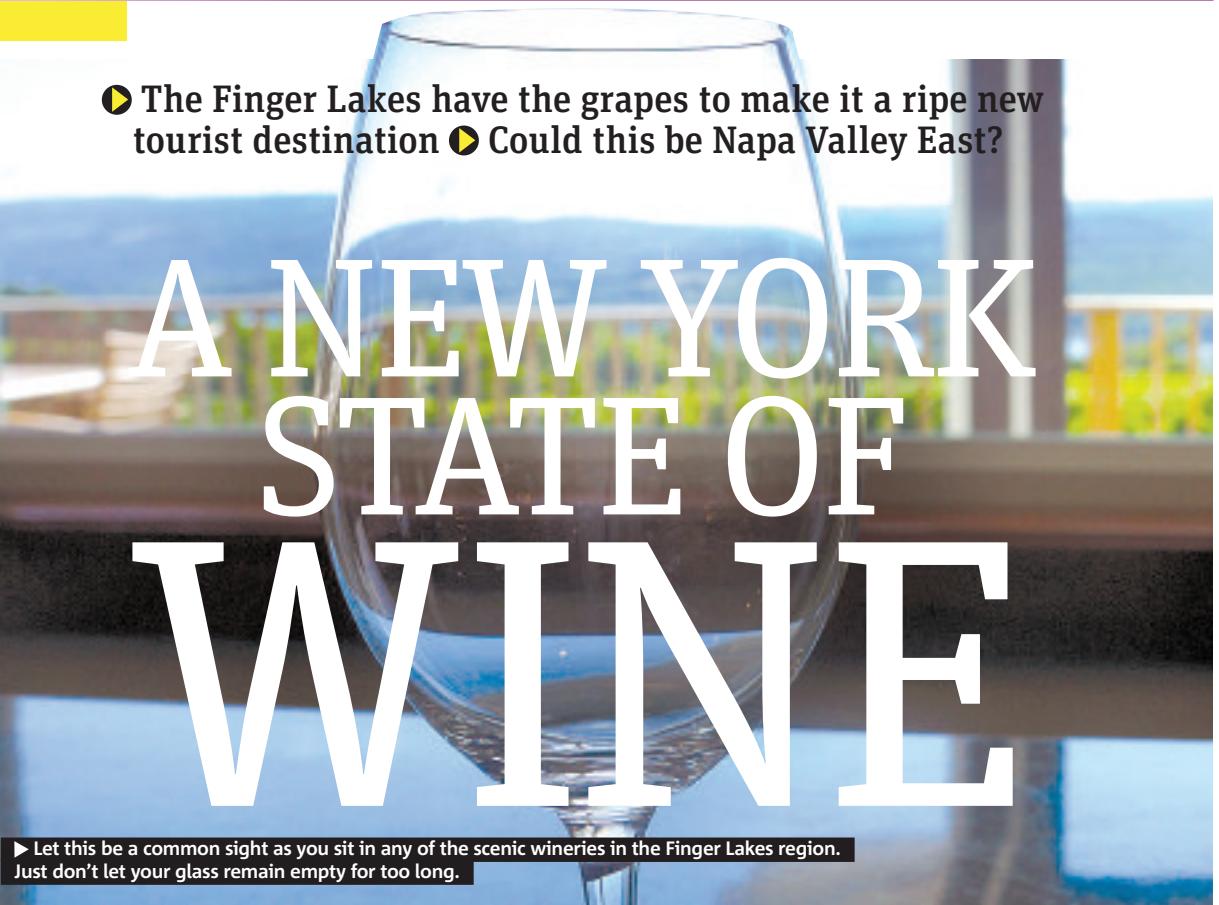


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In the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, there's a growing excitement, literally. Grapes! Wine grapes, to be more specific. The sloping hillsides, lake breezes and a steady summer sun have always provided the picturesque Finger Lakes region with a healthy grape-growing climate. But until recently, the land was primarily used to grow local Concord grapes that were sold to juice companies.

In recent years, younger generations have taken over the family farms and begun experimenting with wine grape varietals. While the yield can be more profitable, the arduous and artistic process is all the more intensive and comes with a higher risk factor. But with

continued growth and a respected product that has gained praise and earned prizes all over the world, the shift seems to be working. Now with 109 wineries, the Finger Lakes have helped make New York the third largest wine producer in America.

Even though the area is known for its cabernet francs, chardonnays, pinot noirs and ice wines, it's riesling that reigns supreme. With a climate similar to its German origins, the varietal has found a second home here. Ranging from dry to sweet and anywhere in between, each vineyard in the area produces at least one style of riesling — some make several — and many have won worldwide Gold Medal honors.

A Frank history of the area

DR. FRANK VINIFERA WINE CELLARS



► Dr. Konstantin Frank

The very existence and continual growth of vineyards in New York state can all be attributed back to the bold and successful experiments of Dr. Konstantin Frank. Emigrating from the Ukraine to avoid Stalinism in 1951, Frank revolutionized sustainable growing methods for vinifera (vines imported from Europe) in the 1950s and proved that the region's crops could not only survive the extreme winters, but could also produce a world-class wine year after year. Opening Dr. Frank Vinifera Wine Cellars in 1962, the family-run business is celebrating its 50th anniversary and is heralded as New York state's most award-winning winery.

Camaraderie over competition

With a wine trail marked by road signs, vineyard tours and tasting rooms, tourism in the Finger Lakes is increasing. And with several wineries adding inns and high-end restaurants to their properties, many are calling the Finger Lakes the next Napa Valley. Vineyard owners in the area, however, are quick to point out a monumental difference — a

unified sense of community. Here it's camaraderie, not competition, since in this region the vineyard owner is often the farmer, the marketer, the salesman and sometimes even the deliveryman.

"If someone needs a forklift, we let them borrow ours," says Ted Marks, proprietor of Atwater Vineyards. "And they would do the same for us. People come from all over the world to work here and can't believe that we want to help each other succeed. We do what we do well. And we do it without pretension."

Apps for better leaf-peeping

► It's that time of year again, when the hills of upstate New York, New England and beyond shimmer in hues of vibrant reds and golds

It's leaf-peeping season, and to help you make the most of it, we've assembled some technology for finding, identifying and sharing the leaves this season.

Foliage Leaf Peep

To help make the most of your time, try using the Foliage Leaf Peep app by Yankee Publishing Inc. (free on iPhone and Android). This app offers a useful color-coded map that shows you where in the country the leaves are turning and what stage they're in (turning, moderate, peak, fading, etc.). The info is crowdsourced, so once you get to your leaves, you can update the map, snapping photos, adding notes and more.

Oh, Ranger! Parkfinder

Some state and national parks have their own apps (take a gander at their government websites), but if you're looking for something more general, try Oh, Ranger! Parkfinder (free on iPhone and Android), which lets you search for parks near you with parameters around activities available (they've got top peeping destinations listed, but if you're interested in tak-

Audubon Trees

Once you've found the leaves, it would help to know what you're looking at, right? Well, for the crème de la crème of peeping apps, take a look at the Audubon Trees — A Field Guide to North American Trees app (\$4.99 on iPhone, iPad, and Android). This immense digital tome lets you browse and identify trees and leaves by shape, family and name, and it comes with a whopper of an advanced search option.

ing a hike while you peep, this is tops for helping you identify things like parks with trail systems). Once you've found a park, peruse the extensive info included; the app will even direct you to activities in the area and let you upload photos and reviews. A new feature allows you to find local parks as well.

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Vick out?

One day after a disastrous start by Michael Vick in Arizona, Eagles head coach Andy Reid wouldn't commit to Vick as his permanent starter.

"Right now we're with Michael and that's what we're doing," Reid said. "We'll evaluate as we go."

Vick has three touchdowns and six interceptions in three starts this season. The team drafted QB Nick Foles in the third round this year.



Calvin Pace backtracks on Bush

Jets linebacker Calvin Pace took a moment before his interview with reporters yesterday to expressly clarify Sunday's comments on Reggie Bush.

After the game, Pace said the Jets "had to put him out" when asked about the knee injury that ended Bush's day.

In light of the Saints' bounty controversy, Pace made it clear he was involved in nothing of the sort.

"I wasn't trying to say it as if we were trying to hurt him. I'm sad to see him get hurt," Pace said. "We aren't running any kind of bounty system or anything like that, and actually, looking at the play, somebody just fell on his knee. That's all I have to say. I guess I need to say things in a different manner." **METRO**

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Where do they go from here?

With Darrelle Revis out for the season, Jets will need to change tactics
Expect Wilson, Cromartie to be tested
Whole team must step up now

When Jets head coach Rex Ryan addressed his team yesterday morning about the season-ending ACL injury to cornerback Darrelle Revis, he didn't single out any one player to step up and be dominant. Instead, his message was that the whole team needs to fill in for Revis.

The speech from Ryan wasn't just about the need for his team to step up after losing its star player. Instead, the master motivator made it, according to one player, "about everyone being ready no matter who is hurt, no matter the need."

But clearly, the team will be leaning more heavily on corners Antonio Cromartie and



You kind of don't think about what's going on with the guy that Darrelle is covering.

AARON MAYBIN, LINEBACKER

Kyle Wilson for the rest of the season.

"Well, we're fortunate because most teams only have

one No. 1 corner, or some don't even have any. We're fortunate [that] we have the best in the league in Darrelle, and we also have a No. 1 corner in Cromartie," head coach Rex Ryan said. "So we're fortunate there. We drafted Kyle Wilson to basically be a No. 2 corner, and that's the way he's going to play that role. I'm confident in Kyle, then we have two young players in Isaiah Trufant and Ellis Lankster that are going to have to step it up."

Jets players admit it won't be just one person who can do the job.

"Everybody is going to be asked to do a little bit more. Obviously me, asked to do a little

bit more," Wilson said. "We're just going to do this together as a team."

In a 3-4 defense, it is necessary to have a shutdown corner who can take one side of the field out of play. This frees up a safety or linebacker to blitz and create pressure. Without Revis, the Jets won't be as effective in attacking the quarterback.

"There's certain times — you kind of don't think about what's going on with the guy that Darrelle is covering because [you] expect he's going to have him blanketed," Aaron Maybin said.

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Thomas back with Jets two days after cut

He wasn't on the headline for long.

Less than two days after being released by the Jets, linebacker Bryan Thomas was back with the team as part of yesterday's roster shuffle that also saw the resigning of wide receiver

Patrick Turner and the release of defensive lineman Marcus Dixon, cornerback Donnie Fletcher and offensive lineman Dennis Landolt.

The plan all along was to bring back Thomas and his release on Saturday was due to the need to bring in another cornerback with an injury to Ellis Lankster hobbling the secondary.

But even though Thomas knew he was eventually going to be back, he still wasn't

happy with the situation.

"Pissed. Pissed. Ain't no other word about it. Pissed. Man. That's all I can say about that," Thomas said.

"I feel OK. I can't hold any animosity. Like I said ... it is a business. My main focus is getting back on the field and helping this team win," Thomas said. "At first was I angry? Yeah, it's a job. It's what I love; it's what I've done my whole life. Was I angry? Yeah." **METRO/KD**



Barden ready for whatever

Fresh off last Thursday night's convincing win against the Panthers, the Giants at least know that if they have to go into Philadelphia shorthanded, there shouldn't be much of a drop-off in production.

"That's what it's all about, to turn to some guys who were very anxious for their opportunities," head coach Tom Coughlin said, specifically naming running back Andre Brown and wideout Ramses Barden. "They've put themselves in position where they

prepared well [because] you never know when it's going to come, and it did come for a couple of guys [Thursday night]."

What Brown (113 yards and two scores) and Barden (nine receptions for 138 yards) did was help offset the losses of Ahmad Bradshaw and Hakeem Nicks, who were left home with an ailing neck and foot, respectively.

Neither Bradshaw nor Nicks practiced yesterday, so there could be a chance that



even if the two starters return to action, the reserves will still be needed.

Barden said he'll be ready for whatever role he needs to fill this weekend against the Eagles.

"I think it just adds to our depth, and it adds to our strength as a team to know that regardless of the position, there's depth there," Barden said. "If somebody goes down, we can fill in or you can game plan for another person." ■ **TONY WILLIAMS**

198 Ramses Barden had 198 receiving yards in the first 19 games of his three-plus year career up until last Thursday night.

138 Barden had 138 yards against the Panthers in his 20th career game. He also had nine catches after having 16 the rest of his career.

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